

HOUSE BILL 3283

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to the offense of statutory rape and the sexual offender and violent sexual offender registry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-506, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(d)

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(A) Statutory rape is a Class E felony.

(B) In addition to the punishment provided for a person who commits statutory rape for the first time, the trial judge may order, after taking into account the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense, including the offense for which the person was originally charged and whether the conviction was the result of a plea bargain agreement, that the person be required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to title 40, chapter 39, part 2.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-202, is amended by adding the following to the end of subdivision (20)(A)(ii):

or if the judge orders the person to register as a sexual offender pursuant to § 39-13-506(d).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.